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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

Leaders of the various left-wing organizations have turned their attention to the Republican National Convention scheduled for San Diego next August. There are meetings being held to discuss plans for the convention, but the results of these discussions and plans being developed may not be known for some time.

The San Diego Convention Coalition, a self-proclaimed group organized to coordinate demonstrations during the GOR Convention, is proposing 3 days of demonstrations. The first 2 days will be devoted to peaceful picketing and attempting to place issues before the convention. The third day was referred to as "Kamikaze Day," an obvious reference to a day of violence. George Katsiaticas (former SDS'er) a leader of the San Diego Convention Coalition reportedly has contacted William Kittredge to obtain his assistance in working with the Coalition. Kittredge is a past coordinator of the New York chapter of the May Day Collective, the militant antiwar group responsible for disrupting Washington last spring. He also is closely associated with several other groups on the eastern seaboard.

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In December 1971 a series of meetings were held at the Peter Stuyvesant Farm at Allamuchy, New Jersey out of which the "Allamuchy Tribe" was formed. The tribe was organized to direct movement activities during the election year, culminating with demonstrations at the Republican National Convention. The organization has now moved into office space in New York City and has changed its name to the Election Year Strategy Information Center. Leaders of the organization are Rennie Davis, former member of SDS and one of the defendants in the Chicago 7 trials; Jerry Rubin, a self-professed Communist, Chicago 7 defendant and former leader of the Youth International Party; and Stewart Albert and Jay Craven, both of whom were activists in May Day Collectives and who participated in the activities of the CPUSA influenced Peoples Coalition for Peace and Justice. Reportedly, a large sum of money has been given to this organization by former Beatle singer John Lennon. - FBI 1A 409728

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A group of prisoner of war relatives has opened a political headquarters in Washington, D.C. to campaign against President Nixon in all the states which hold primary elections. The Capitol Hill headquarters is sponsored by a group called Families for Immediate Release which claims it represents some 500 families of servicemen either captured or missing in Southeast Asia. Miss Sheila Cronin recently announced that the group will send a delegation to New Hampshire where the nation's first Presidential primary is scheduled March 7. President Nixon is being opposed in the New Hampshire Republican primary by Rep. Paul M. McCloskey, an antiwar Republican from California and by Rep. John M. Ashbrook an Ohio conservative. *Mark Post*

CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED EVENTS *25 Jun 72*

Asterisked items are either reported for the first time, or contain additions or changes to previously reported activities.

\*Date unknown, San Jose, California

The trial of Angela Davis originally scheduled for January 24 was postponed on a day-to-day basis until Judge Arnason rules on defense motions. Chief defense counsel Howard Moore, Jr. has filed another change of venue motion, contending Miss Davis can not receive a fair hearing in San Jose. The California appeals court incidentally upheld recently an injunction forbidding the regents of the University of California from firing Angela Davis for being a Communist. *Mark Post 24 Jun 72*  
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\*Present to end of trial, Harrisburg, Pa.

The scheduled trial of the Rev. Philip Berrigan and 6 other antiwar activists began on 24 January with the expected, prolonged struggle to choose unprejudiced jurors. Once a jury is selected, Judge Herman estimates the trial may run 3 months. The eighth defendant, John "Ted" Glick was granted a separate trial because he was given permission to serve as his own attorney. *N.Y.T. 20 Jun 72*

The Harrisburg Defense Committee has scheduled demonstrations during the trial. Vigils will be organized every Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the Dauphin County Prison. The committee will produce a television program over a local TV network each week on Friday at 9:30 p.m. entitled "The Issue is Peace." Governor Shapp of Pennsylvania has directed the State Supply Department to furnish portable public address equipment to demonstrators at the Dauphin County Jail and at another location to be designated by the Harrisburg Defense Committee.

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Committee chapters have advised that a "Pilgrimage for Freedom" will be held during the 40 days of Lent as part of future demonstrations in support of the "Harrisburg 8." The first 30 days of the "Pilgrimage" will be characterized by activities sponsored by local organizations in cities throughout the northeast section of the U.S. During the final 10 days caravans from Boston, New York City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, D.C., Pittsburgh, and Milwaukee will proceed to Harrisburg to gain publicity for the defendants and to obtain funds for their defense. *FBI IN 2 24 71 25 Jan 72*

4 February, New York City

The trial is scheduled to begin on the above date for Leslie Bacon who is charged with conspiring with six other persons to bomb a Manhattan bank. Miss Bacon was arrested in Washington, D.C. last April as a material witness in an alleged plot to bomb the U.S. Capitol Building; however, a federal appeals court later ruled she was illegally arrested in that case. *Wash Post 4 Jan 72*

\*7 February, College Park, Maryland

On 19 January approximately 20 demonstrators marched to the main administration building at the University of Maryland to confront Chancellor Bishop. The group demanded that a scheduled visit of a Defense Intelligence Agency recruiter be cancelled. Results of this confrontation are unknown but it is believed that the visit is still scheduled. If so, there is a high potential for campus disruption on 7 February. *FBI IN 2 24 71 25 Jan 72*

\*11 February-August, Nationwide

The Peoples Coalition for Peace and Justice which is under the influence of the Communist Party USA held a press conference in New York City on 27 January and announced the following activities as part of its continuing efforts in the "peace struggle:"

February 11-13--Four delegates from the midwest region will be part of the delegation being sent to the Stockholm-Paris Peace Conference. Two known members of this group are John Gilman a CPUSA leader from Wisconsin and Mareca Neagu a CPUSA leader from Indiana. The delegation is scheduled to depart from Montreal, Canada on February 9-10 via Aeroflot.

February 20--A demonstration will be held at the airport when President Nixon departs for Peking.

April 15--Local demonstrations will be held throughout the U.S. to protest the use of taxpayers dollars to continue the war. *FBI IN 2 24 71 25 Jan 72*

May--A series of demonstrations against U.S. corporations producing weapons for war culminating in acts of civil disobedience.

July--Demonstrations at the Democratic Convention in Miami, Florida.

August--Scheduled demonstrations at the Republican Convention in San Diego.

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14 February, Baltimore, Maryland.

The retrial of Arthur F. Turco, Jr., a white lawyer who represented the Black Panthers and accused of ordering the murder of Eugene Leroy Anderson, was postponed until the above date. Turco's first trial ended in a mis-trial July 3 when the jury was unable to agree on a verdict.

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\*18-21 February, New York City

The CPUSA has issued a pamphlet which presents in preliminary form the major social and political issues to be considered at the 20th National Convention to be held at Town Hall (43rd St. 6th and 7th Avenues) on the above dates. Convention delegates in order to strengthen the National Party will consider: the extension of intermediate organizational forms to all areas of struggle; the publicizing of the 1972 Communist Presidential ticket (Gus Hall and Jarvis Tyner); higher standards of membership and leadership; increasing the speed of training and promotion of cadre and the education of the membership; ways of doubling the membership of the Party and; methods to give assistance in the building of the Young Workers Liberation League.

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At a recent press conference party chairman and presidential candidate Gus Hall described the acts his administration would carry out on the very first day in office. He would end the war, padlock the doors of the Central Intelligence Agency, the FBI, and the Pentagon, release Angela Davis and other political prisoners, and outlaw racism.

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\*19 February, Washington, D.C.

The Committee for Unification of China, (an ad hoc group), has scheduled a demonstration at the White House on the above date. The group is seeking the reunification of China through withdrawal of U.S. support from Taiwan.

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March-August, Nationwide

The Youth International Party (YIP) the militant hippie group, recently held a conference at Madison, Wisconsin. A conference spokesman told the press that Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Rubin have been

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removed from their leadership positions and from YIP membership because of their "recent discriminative elitist activities." Yippies also announced to the press that they are planning the following activities:

March 18-26--A nationwide voter registration drive which they will call "Spring Freekweek."

May 1-2--In each state capitol a marijuana smoke-in will be conducted to protest the anti-marijuana law to be followed by marches to local area prisons.

July 1-3--A National Tribal Conference to be held at Washington.

July 4--A marijuana smoke-in will be held at the Washington Monument and followed by a march to the U.S. Capitol.

July 27--The National Che Gueverra "Appreciation Day" will take place at Miami Beach, Florida to express solidarity with the Cuban struggle for liberation.

July 27-31--Demonstrations will be conducted to show politicians that unless the demands of youth are met the 1972 Presidential election will be boycotted.

August 1-20--A "grapes of wrath" caravan will proceed to San Diego.

August 21-24-- Demonstrations to be held in San Diego.

Additional details will be reported as they become available.

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\*4 March, Sacramento, California

Craig Wallace, a Sacramento resident intends to organize a large demonstration against Mrs. Nixon when she visits Sacramento to dedicate a Camelia grove on the capitol grounds. The purpose of this demonstration is to protest the war in Vietnam. Wallace reportedly intends to advertise the demonstration in radical news media in the San Francisco Bay area.

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\*10-12 March, Gary, Indiana

The Congressional Black Caucus and other elected Negro officials and civil rights leaders have announced plans to hold the first National Black Political Convention, on the above dates. Rep. Charles C. Diggs, Mayor Richard G. Hatcher of Gary, Indiana, and LeRoi Jones of Newark were elected temporary co-chairmen of the convention. Mr. Diggs stated that the convention was expected to draw over 4,000 delegates who will seek to "identify and ratify a national black political agenda for 1972 and beyond."

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14 or 17 April, Nationwide

The War Resisters League and the War Tax Resistance will jointly sponsor demonstrations at the Internal Revenue Service centers

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in major cities across the country on either April 14 or 17. These demonstrations are to be known as "R-Day" and stand for resist, refuse, and reform. They have also discussed the possibility of establishing a "Revolution City" at the Republican National Convention in San Diego. The Revolution City would be similar to the "Resurrection City" which was established in Washington, D.C. several years ago.

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16-22 April, New York City and Los Angeles

The National Peace Action Coalition has announced plans for their spring offensive to be held on the above dates. The theme of the demonstration reportedly will be the same as that of past demonstrations: end the war in Vietnam, withdraw all troops and cease the bombing. Additional details will be reported as they become available.

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28-30 April, 1 May, Chicago

The Young Workers Liberation League (youth group of the CPUSA) has announced they will hold its first convention since its founding (Feb. 1970) on the above dates. A draft resolution evaluating the work of YWLL developments among youth during the last two years, and projections for work in the future will be circulated among the membership for further refinement. The theme of the draft resolution will be how to build a mass-united front in the shops, communities, high schools, college campuses and among soldiers and veterans. Jarvis Tyner, national chairman of the YWLL and vice-presidential candidate on the Communist Party ticket stated that the priorities of these united youth front movements must be freedom for Angela Davis, an end to the war, and defeat of President Nixon's economic offensive. International guests invited to the convention include representatives of the World Federation of Democratic Youth, of which YWLL is the U.S. affiliate, and the International Union of Students and their world affiliates. There will be guests invited from organizations and movements in the U.S. Plans are being made for a major May Day rally during the convention.

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\*29-30 April, Washington, D.C.

The National Spanish-speaking Coalition Task Force, Inc., has announced plans for a national convention on the above dates. A conference was held last October which disintegrated into acrimonious shouting over specifics, such as the prospect of a separate Spanish-speaking political party and Puerto Rican statehood. The prime issue at the April convention will obviously be the formation of a separate political party.

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\*July, Miami Beach, Florida

The Peoples Party (a coalition of peace groups including the Peace and Freedom Party and the New Party) has scheduled its

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national nominating convention a few days after the close of the Democratic National Convention in mid-July. The Peoples Party has nominated Dr. Benjamin Spock, pediatrician and peace activist as a stand-in Presidential candidate and Julian Hobson, a former Washington, D.C. School Board official for vice president, pending a convention decision.

At a recent news conference Dr. Spock surprised some reporters by taking some of the following positions that are essentially undistinguishable from those of George C. Wallace of Alabama:

1. He favors maintenance of neighborhood schools under the control of local citizens, attended by whatever racial balance of pupils happen to live in the immediate area.
2. He is opposed to integrating the public schools by busing, although he would not permit any discrimination in housing or employment.
3. He is unimpressed with the argument that he might help defeat the major party candidate.

Among the Spock policy positions that he does not presumably share with Governor Wallace are: withdrawal of American troops from all overseas bases, free medical care for all Americans, industrial production based on worker decisions and a ban on discrimination against homosexuals. Dr. Spock has denied that the Peoples Party had made him its provisional nominee so that it would be free to switch to Eugene J. McCarthy if the Minnesotan is not chosen at the Democratic Convention.

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